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Subject: FW: CDPHE CAN STOP TRUMP's EPA FROM POLLUTING DENVER RESIDENTS. GOV. POLIS SHOULD BE ABLE TO DECIDE.
Attachments: 1CAG RESOLUTION 2018.8.21 (1) copy.pdf; 2CAG RESOLUTION.pdf; 3CAG RESOLUTION 2018-03.pages.pdf; 4 CAG RESOLUTION.pdf

In case you did not receive this.

From: Bridget Walsh **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2018 6:58 PM

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Subject: CDPHE CAN STOP TRUMP's EPA FROM POLLUTING DENVER RESIDENTS. GOV. POLIS SHOULD BE ABLE TO DECIDE.

Dear Jennifer (EPA),

Is Trump making you do this?

In addition to the long , very long list, of examples of EPA omissions, oversights and misrepresentations from the office of Community Coordinator for the Vasquez Bl. / I -70 Superfund site (VB/I 70) , a post you say that you have held since 1999... to say that you have no idea who at EPA has to sign off** on the push

to prematurely delete OU1 from the National Priority List (NPL) for Superfund sites....and possibly expose poor Denver residents to more health and life threatening pollution.... is stunning.

EPA has blatantly missed many milestones for OU1 like Community Involvement Plans and 5 year reviews . This neglect of community is unacceptable.

To add salt to the wound, you say that EPA is planning to file the notice to delete OU1 from the NPL in the Federal Register at Christmas time just when families will be distracted by their celebrations at the most sacred time of year. The community would have just 30 days to make their comments from the day of filing. Isn't this a bit cruel?

So Trump like.

CDPHE and others need to hear the truth about the controversy, unanswered questions and deep concerns in the community about the status of OU1.

We cannot let Trump get away with this travesty at the expense of Denver residents.

Will Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) do the right thing?

The EPA Community Advisory Group (CAG) and their technical advisor have advised EPA multiple times (click to see presentation) that more testing is necessary in OU1 before deleting, in view of the fact that EPA's own documents state clearly , in many places , that the source of the pollution in OU1 is unknown and the remediation plan that was chosen (that it came from the air) is highly questionable. Our experts have concluded that it is much more likely that the pollution was dumped in OU1 as infill or trash

and if so, the pollution could be coming up to the surface in myriad ways. This hypothesis is based in part on careful examination of EPA's own experts' documents, extensive experience and other historical documents. EPA and Denver abruptly stopped attending CAG meetings when these important questions were raised.

Why are you rushing to delete OU1 from the NPL when there is so much uncertainty, unresolved questions from the community and the health of so many Denver residents at stake?

See the EPA Community Advisory Groups 's Advisory Resolutions attached.

Is this more abuse of citizens and the environment by the Trump's EPA?

CDPHE was apparently misinformed about the urgency to delete OU1 while the health and safety of so many Denver residents hangs in the balance.

We have requested documentation upon which they based their approval.

We hope that CDPHE will consider immediately rescinding their approval that is required to proceed with the deleting, in view of the fact Governor Elect Polis will be taking office in January, 2019 and he should have the courtesy of deciding if he wants to support this dangerous premature move.

The Trump controlled EPA should not be allowed to put the lives and health of Denver residents at risk, especially poor minorities who live at the site designated by EPA as an Environmental Justice site.

CDPHE should step in.... now.

Jennifer, I know that since you are working for the EPA and Trump is your boss, that you are powerless to stop this...

...but CDPHE who is responsible for the health and safety of all Colorado residents is able to stop it with the stroke of a pen.

We hope that they will decide to respect Governor - elect Polis' right to make the decision about something that will forever impact the lives of so many Colorado residents.

We also hope that those who are seeking to represent citizens... all citizens of Colorado and Denver will choose to speak out before Denver becomes another Flint, MI or Love Canal.

**Warmest regards,
Bridget Walsh
CAG Member**

***"who signed off on this action? It's actually not completely signed off on yet. It goes through an extensive review chain, both in our Denver office and in HQ. I don't know who gives the final signature..."

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cc: Governor Polis